LISTING AND AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will **replace** all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

What is claimed is:

(currently amended) Video apparatus comprising:

a receiver (5 ; 5, 8) for converting an RF signal (RF) into a video signal (CVBS; YCrCb);

processing means (8; 10) receiving the video signal (CVBS; YCrCb) and outputting an encoded stream (YCrCb; MPEG) based on the video signal (CBVS; YCrCb);

an indicator (AGC; IF_AMP) of a characteristic of the RF signal (RF);

control means (14) for adjusting the processing means (8 ; 10) based on the indicator (AGC ; IF_AMP).

- 2. (currently amended) Video apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the processing means (8; 10) includes an adjustable filter (84) and wherein the control means (14) includes means for adjusting the adjustable filter (84) based on the indicator (AGC; IF_AMP).
- 3. (currently amended) Video apparatus according to claim 2, wherein the receiver (5) outputs the video signal (CVBS) as an analogue signal and wherein a video decoder (8) converts the analogue signal (CVBS) into a digital stream (YCrCb).
- 4. (currently amended) Video apparatus according to claim 3, wherein the video decoder (8) comprises the adjustable filter (84).
- 5. (currently amended) Video apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the processing means includes an encoder (10) having an adjustable encoding bit-rate and wherein the control means (14) includes

means for adjusting the encoding bit-rate based on the indicator (AGC; IF_AMP).

- 6. (currently amended) Video apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the characteristic is the amplitude of the RF signal (RF).
- 7. (currently amended) Video apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the indicator is a voltage (AGC) controlling the gain of an amplifier (42) of the receiver (5; 5, 8).
- 8. (currently amended) Video apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the receiver comprises a tuner (4) which outputs an IF signal (IF) and wherein the indicator (IF_AMP) is the amplitude of the IF signal (IF).
- 9. (currently amended) Video apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the control means comprises a micro-processor (14).
- 10. (currently amended) Video apparatus according to claim 9, wherein the micro-processor (14) has means for receiving a signal representative of the indicator (AGC; IF_AMP) and means (DEC_BUS) for sending control data to adjust the processing means (8).
- 11. (currently amended) Video apparatus according to claim 5, wherein the characteristic is the amplitude of the RF signal (RF).
- 12. (currently amended) Video apparatus according to claim 5, wherein the indicator is a voltage (AGC) controlling the gain of an amplifier (42) of the receiver (5; 5, 8).
- 13. (currently amended) Video apparatus according to claim 5, wherein the receiver comprises a tuner (4) which outputs an IF signal (IF) and wherein the indicator (IF_AMP) is the amplitude of the IF signal (IF).

- 14. (currently amended) Video apparatus according to claim 5, wherein the control means comprises a micro-processor (14).
- 15. (currently amended) Video apparatus according to claim 14, wherein the micro-processor (14) has means for receiving a signal representative of the indicator (AGC; IF_AMP) and means (DEC_BUS) for sending control data to adjust the processing means (8).